GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Water Resources Department – IS&WR – Revision of the fee structure to Sri G. Umapathy, Advocate upon his designation as Senior Advocate by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India – Orders – Issued.

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WATER RESOURCES (IS.EA) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.665 **Dated:08/12/2023**

Read the Following:-

1. G.O.Rt.No.58, Irrigation & CAD (Inter State. External Aid) Department, dated 31.01.2015.
2. G.O.Rt.No.227, Water Resources (IS.EA) Department, dated 20.05.2020.
3. G.O.Ms.No.24, Law (G) Department, dated 03.06.2021.
4. From the Advocate on Record for the State of Andhra Pradesh, Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, New Delhi, E-mail dated 08.03.2022 & letter dated 16.11.2022.
5. From the Chief Engineer, IS&WR, Water Resources Department, Vijayawada, Letter No. CE/ISWR/DD(P&A)/ DEE(Log)/Legal Corresp./2014/Vol.V, dated 06.04.2022, 27.06.2022 & 19.06.2023.

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ORDER:

In the reference 5th read above, the Chief Engineer, IS&WR, Water Resources Department, Vijayawada has stated that Sri G.Umapathy, Advocate is presently appointed and working on behalf of Andhra Pradesh in the Inter State water disputes matters of KWDT-II and related SLPs at Hon'ble Supreme Court and Supreme Court case of Polavaram vide reference 2nd read above and in the matters of VWDT and related SLPs in Hon'ble Supreme Court vide reference 1st read above. The present fee structure of the Advocate is as follows:

Sl.No	Particulars	Amount (Rs)
1.	Retainer fee	50,000/- per month
2.	Fee for appearance before the Supreme Court, Tribunal or other forums	1,25,000/- per day
3.	Fee for conference (Other than Delhi)	1,25,000/- per day
4.	Site Inspection	1,25,000/- per day
5.	Conference fee at Delhi	35,000/- per day
6.	Fees for drafting IA / Counters	30,000/- per application or pleading etc.,
7.	Fee for drafting complaint / plaint / SLPs / written submissions / affidavit in evidence / Replies / Rejoinders etc.,	70,000/- per pleading or affidavit etc.,

2. The Chief Engineer, IS&WR, Vijayawada in the reference 5th read above has further stated that Sri G. Umapathy, Advocate, in his letter forwarded through Advocate on Record in the reference 4th read above has informed that he is designated as Senior Advocate by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India with effect from 10.12.2021 and presently appearing as Advocate for State of Andhra Pradesh in water dispute matters (Krishna, Vamsadhara and Godavari) from 2014 onwards and requested to revise his fee structure as mentioned below:

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Sl.No.	Particulars	Amount (Rs.)
1.	Fee for appearance before Supreme Court/ Tribunal	2,25,000/- per day
2.	Fee for Conference outside Delhi	2,25,000/- per day
3.	Fee for Conference at Delhi	35,000/- per hour
4.	Fees for settling of Pleadings	1,75,000/-
5.	Retainer Fee	1,00,000/- per month

3. The Chief Engineer, IS&WR, Vijayawada in the reference 5th read above has requested the Government to examine the proposal of revision of fee structure to Sri G. Umapathy, Senior Advocate in the matters of (i). KWDT-II and related SLPs in Hon'ble Supreme Court and (ii). Supreme Court cases on Vamsadhara and Polavaram, since the services of Sri G. Umapathy, Senior Advocate are required in the interstate water dispute legal teams on behalf of Andhra Pradesh, keeping in view of his vast experience dealing with KWDT.

4. Government after careful examination of the proposal of the Chief Engineer, IS&WR, Water Resources Department, Vijayawada, hereby revise the fee structure to Sri G. Umapathy, Senior Advocate as detailed below with effect from 08.03.2022 in the matters of (i). KWDT-II and related SLPs in Hon'ble Supreme Court and (ii). Supreme Court cases on Vamsadhara and Polavaram.

Sl.No.	Particulars	Amount (Rs.)
1.	Fee for appearance before Supreme Court/ Tribunal	2,25,000/- per day
2.	Fee for Conference outside Delhi	2,25,000/- per day
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4.	Fees for settling of Pleadings	1,75,000/-
5.	Retainer Fee	1,00,000/- per month

5. The Chief Engineer, IS& WR, Water Resources Department, Vijayawada shall take necessary action accordingly.

6. This Order issues with the concurrence of the Finance (FMU-WR.II) Department vide their U.O. No.FIN01-FMU0MRAS(WR2)/104/2023-FMU-WR-II, dated 09.11.2023.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

SHASHI BHUSHAN KUMAR
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Chief Engineer, IS&WR, Water Resources Department, Vijayawada.
Copy to:
The Advocate on Record for the State of Andhra Pradesh,
Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, New Delhi.
The Principal Resident Commissioner, A.P. Bhavan, New Delhi.
The Accountant General. A.P., Vijayawada.
The Pay & Accounts Officer, A.P., Nidhi Bhavan, Mangalgiri, Guntur District.
The Finance (FMU-WR.II) Department, A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi.
P.S. to Hon'ble Minister, Water Resources Department.
P.S. to Principal Secretary to Government, Water Resources Department.
SF/SC (C.No.1768699).

//FORWARDED :: BY ORDER//

V. Bangaram
SECTION OFFICER